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Spring/Summer Activities Abound in Beautiful Orwigsburg

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BUDDY TOUCHINSKY
Council President

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer spring weather and the renewal of growth. Orwigsburg continues to grow and improve as well. Here's an update regarding projects underway in the borough.

Stage area possible

The M&T Bank-owned Community Lot at Centre Square has been the focal point for many of our downtown and community events.

In conjunction with the Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association, we hope to give this space an upgrade.

The area will continue to be a parking lot, but will be outfitted to better host downtown activities. It's still in the very early stages of planning, but ideas include a pavilion/stage area located to the rear of the lot, improved lighting, and improved access to electrical outlets. The Borough has received input from several groups and individuals and will be working with stakeholders to plan upgrades most likely funded through donations, recreation funds, and grants.

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SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS

Sat., May 20 – Orwigsburg Community Yard Sale; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; register your location in advance to get listed on the yard sale map.

Sat., May 20 – Children's Fishing Rodeo at Fisher's Dam; starts 9 a.m.; children 15 and under.

Sun., May 28 – All are invited to enjoy a free Patriotic Concert held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.

Mon., May 29 – Memorial Day Parade/Service/BBQ; It's a "Decoration Day" tradition in Orwigsburg! Honor all fallen military service personnel, veterans, and those presently serving this country with the Memorial Day parade beginning at 8 a.m. followed by the service "on the square." Then enjoy a chicken barbeque dinner (eat in or take out) at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thurs., June 8 – Square Time "June Jamboree" featuring wineries and breweries, local restaurant specialties, art and music.

Thurs., July 13 – Square Time "Farmers Marketplace"; take home fresh fruits and vegetables and revel in our community's agricultural bounty.

Thurs., August 10 – Square Time "Family Fun Fest" features fun, games and food for all ages.

Sun., August 27 – Free Block Party hosted by Salem United Methodist Church; 3 to 7 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 9 – Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



OBPA LEADERSHIP – Elected officers and board directors of the Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association for 2017-18 were sworn into office at the organization's "Meet & Greet" mixer in April. Pictured, from left, are Director Liz Tuturice, Vice President Amber Zanolini, Treasurer Tara Heher, President Pat Falco, Secretary Veronica Barnes, Director Bob Klinger, and Director Joe Mattera.

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Orwigsburg Borough Council meets the First and Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, second floor of the Orwigsburg Municipal Building, 209 North Warren Street.

Both meetings are open to the public. A Work Session for discussions and setting of an agenda takes place on the First Wednesday; the Business Meeting is then held on the Second Wednesday.

OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Orwigsburg Borough offices will be closed on the following days in 2017 in observance of the stated holidays – New Year's Day, Jan. 2; Good Friday, April 14; Memorial Day, May 29; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, September 4; Veterans' Day, Nov. 10; Thanksgiving, Nov. 23 and 24; Christmas eve and day, Dec. 22 and 25.

Council President



THE NORTHERN END of Community Lot is site of the planned amphitheater stage to host community events and performers.

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A much-needed Borough Garage

A Borough Garage is being planned for the land parcel across from our water plant on Long Avenue. A pole building will be constructed to house borough vehicles, equipment, and tools.

Over the past few years, additions to our equipment fleet have benefited us being able to complete work on roads, drainage, etc. in-house and thereby saving money on every project. In order to keep these vehicles and equipment out of the weather and properly maintained, garage space is necessary above and beyond the few bays we are using now attached to the water plant.

Funding for this garage has been allocated from the municipal bond that was issued two years ago. Currently we are renting space for storage so, long term, this project will save the borough money.

Veterans Memorial Hall

The Veteran's Community Memorial Hall project continues to move nearer to completion. The adjacent playground was complete a month or two ago, and work is currently underway to construct an outdoor basketball court and additional site work.

There's still work to do on the parking lot and interior work creating the new entryway. The task force continues to work hard to get it done.

Community input always appreciated

Residents and business owners having input or ideas regarding these projects or anything else in the Borough are encouraged to share these. Borough Council meets at Borough Hall on the first and second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m.

– Buddy Touchinsky, Borough Council President



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Vibrant OBPA Plans Summer Square Time Events

Spring! ... a time of brighter days, vibrant growth and abundant renewal.

As the April showers fall and May flowers bloom, your OBPA is creating a "fresh environment" with the goal of "cultivating" new relationships while "growing" the organization's base over the last several years.

Our annual Meet & Greet Mixer was held in early April at the Schuylkill Country Club. The evening presented an opportunity for local business owners to network and talk informally with local leaders. Special guests included State Rep. Jerry Knowles, Schuylkill County Commissioner Gary Hess, Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bob Carl, Orwigsburg Mayor Barry Berger and Borough Manager Robert Williams.

That same evening, District Justice James Ferrier was on hand to swear in OBPA's 2017 officers: President Patricia Falco (PawPrints Pet Salon); Vice President Amber Zanolini (M&T Bank); Secretary Veronica Barnes (CFM Commercial HVAC); Treasurer Tara Heher (Riverview Bank); and Board of Directors members Robert Klinger (State Farm Insurance), Joseph Mattera (Brick House Grill), Dave Teter (Orwigsburg Borough), and Liz Tuteurice (Blue Mountain Recreation Commission).

Second Thursdays on the Square

OBPA is proud to announce its 6th year of Square Time events. These fun happenings will be held each month from May through August, always on the second Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m. and always held on and around the Community Parking Lot "on the square."

Yappy Hour – This fun-loving time for our 4-legged friends and all of us of the 2-legged variety who own or just plain appreciate sharing time with pets enjoyed

live music, food and the Paws on Parade contest held May 11.

June Jamboree – An evening of sampling wares and fares from local wineries, breweries, specialties from our Orwigsburg area's great restaurants, and visual and musical delights by local talented artists will take place June 8.

Farmers Marketplace – This first farmers market downtown will be held July 13 featuring abundant homegrown fruits and vegetables along with home-prepared goodies of all kinds. Hitting the "sweet" spot of the growing season, it promises convenience, fun, and a wide selection of fresh items.

Family Funfest – The downtown area comes alive August 10 with carnival-type fun for all ages, featuring face-painting, children's games, contests, balloon creations, a wide variety of food choices, and the always popular bounce house.

Consider joining OBPA

As you can tell, OBPA brings business and residents together for the betterment and enjoyment of the Orwigsburg area way of life. The organization values your ideas and wants to hear them. To make this work to its highest potential, we need everyone's input and help.

You don't have to be a business owner; OBPA offers memberships for community individuals as well as businesses. Join us at one of these upcoming monthly meetings held on the first Thursday – May 4 at the Market Square Coffee Shop (7:30 a.m.); June 1 at The Oak Hill Inn (12 noon); July 6 at the Orwigsburg Center of Genesis Healthcare (4 p.m.); and August 3 at Twisted Sisters Ice Cream (4 p.m.).

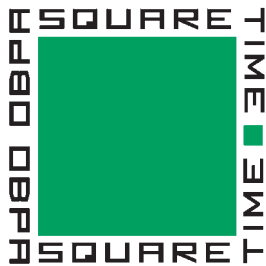
More information can be found at www.orwigsburgbusiness.org; email OrwigsburgBusinessPa@gmail.com; or call Pat Falco at 610-462-9167.

– Pat Falco, President

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SPREAD THE WORD

Interested in submitting an article for next quarter's issue of **Orwigsburg Happenings**? We welcome community service and non-profit organization information. Please contact Kathi Mengle at 570-366-3103 or kathi@orwigsburg.net



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Orwigsburg Police Department

Chief Stan Brozana retires; John Koury heads police

After a long and dedicated 40-year career, Chief Stan Brozana is retiring. Chief Brozana has been a mainstay in Orwigsburg spanning five decades and has garnered a reputation for keeping the borough safe since he joined the force in 1977. In retirement, he plans to spend more time with family and on his collection of antique tractors.

Taking Chief Brozana's spot as the officer in charge will be Sergeant John Koury. Sergeant Koury has been with the Orwigsburg Police since 1988.

Maintaining the department's compliment of four full time officers during the transition period, the Borough has recently hired Patrolman Tanner Noecker. Patrolman Noecker worked as a police officer for Lower Merion Township, Rush Township, and Tamaqua before coming on board in Orwigsburg.

Curfew to be strictly enforced

As the school year ends, youngsters and school-age young adults can enjoy the summer without the worry of "school nights," at least through August. Orwigsburg's curfew for all children and young teens under the age of 16 is 10 p.m. on weeknights and 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

Parents and/or guardians, this curfew is governed by Ordinance #245 that sets a penalty of up to \$300

for allowing your child to be on the streets after curfew. If found, the child will be taken into custody, brought back to the police station, and you will be notified to again take control of him/her.



Police will crash your party

Graduation parties will be in full swing once high school lets out ... as will bush parties. Section 6308 of the PA Crimes Code governs the purchase, consumption, possession, or transportation of alcohol by those less than 21 years of age. Those less than 21 caught with alcohol face a summary offense and will be faced with a fine of up to \$500 and an automatic license suspension. Those who furnish alcohol to minors face a fine of up to \$2,500.

While .08% blood alcohol level is the threshold limit defining driving while intoxicated (DUI), a minor caught with just .02% in their blood can be convicted of drinking and driving. Police statewide will be out in force performing DUI checkpoints this summer to ensure all motorists, young and old, are capable of safely operating their vehicle. For everyone's sake, don't drink and drive. Drive sober or get pulled over!

The Orwigsburg Police would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer! Congratulations to the class of 2017!

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Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

Memorial Day chicken barbeque

Make plans now to join family, friends and neighbors at the annual Memorial Day chicken barbeque hosted by the Orwigsburg Lions Club. A "Decoration Day" tradition, the barbeque will be held in the Veterans Community Memorial Hall, Grove and North Washington streets on Monday, May 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Each dinner includes a generous portion of delicious, freshly grilled barbequed chicken, a baked potato, corn, coleslaw, a cold drink and ice cream. Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased from any Orwigsburg Lions Club member and at Healthy Habits Natural Market, Rt. 61. Tickets are also available for walk-ins on Memorial Day. Choose to dine-in or take-out.

Don't wait too long to purchase your tickets. The event is typically a sell-out! All funds raised are used for community improvement projects by the Lions Club and to assist those in need in the Orwigsburg area.

Community-wide yard sale

Uptown, downtown, and all-around the town



every resident and business is encouraged to have a yard sale as part of the sixth annual Orwigsburg Community Yard Sale on Sat., May 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Due to advance planning and promotion, the show will go on rain or shine.

Register your sale by calling Orwigsburg Borough Hall at 570-366-3103 or email Michele Rudloff at rudloff1313@comcast.net. The Borough will post a final yard sale map and list of locations that day on its website www.orwigsburg.net and Facebook page.

Fishing Rodeo

The 27th annual Orwigsburg Children's Fishing Rodeo will be held Saturday, May 20 for children 15 and under, beginning at 9 a.m. at Fisher's Dam, located at the base of S. Washington St. The dam will be stocked with fish and there will be prizes for tagged fish caught. Each child participating will receive a hot dog and drink.

The existence of this rodeo relies on donations from community members and local businesses. For more information, email orwigsburgfish@yahoo.com.



Street sweeping

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debris from our streets on May 22, 23, and 24. Streets will be posted as "No Parking" so the sweeping can be thorough and efficient.

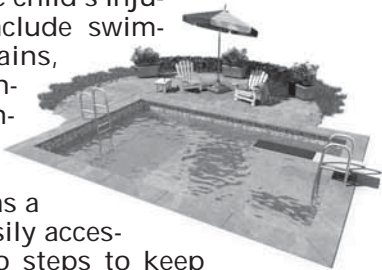
Get rid of attractive nuisances

Children are playful and curious – traits which are important for learning and exploration, but which can also land them in dangerous situations. Every day objects on other people's property can irresistibly draw children onto the property and present them with hidden dangers.

If your property contains items that could be a danger to a child curious enough to wander onto your property, the law places a special responsibility on you to take steps to avoid that situation. This duty is generally called the "attractive nuisance" doctrine.

If an owner fails to meet this responsibility, they could be held liable for the child's injuries. Such "nuisances" include swimming pools and fountains, wells and tunnels, machinery, paths and stairs, dangerous animals, etc.

They can also take less obvious forms, such as a rooftop. If your roof is easily accessible and you've taken no steps to keep children away, you may be liable. Signs are helpful, but generally not sufficient to avoid liability.



Borough holiday schedule

The Orwigsburg Borough office and employee services will be closed in observance of these upcoming holidays – Memorial Day, May 29; Independence Day, July 4; and Labor Day, Sept. 4.

Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry

Many thanks to work volunteers, food donation groups, plus individuals and businesses who donate funds to keep the Food Pantry shelves stocked for distribution to an ever-growing list of needy persons and families in Orwigsburg and surrounding area.



The pantry, operating from the rear of St. John's United Church of Christ, E. Market St., will continue to serve our neighbors in need as long as this generosity continues. The pantry is usually open the third Saturday each month.

Donations of non-perishable food items – including cereals, canned fruits/meats/soups/vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, etc. – are always needed. Items can be dropped off at St. John's UCC office or call 570-366-2255 ext. 3 for times and days when someone will be in the pantry.

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Refuse/recycling collection

The Borough contracts with County Waste for the weekly refuse and biweekly recycling collection. Curbside pickup is on Tuesday for properties on Market Street and north . . . and on Friday for properties south of Market Street.

Pickup will be delayed one day for both collections due to the Memorial Day and Independence Day holidays.

The Borough has adopted the International Property Maintenance Code that requires refuse kept outdoors to be stored in a leak-proof container with a close-fitting cover.

Residents are asked to not place their refuse or recyclables curbside until after 6 p.m. on the evening prior to collection and to return their empty containers to storage after collection.

Keep Orwigsburg beautiful! Residents are also asked to be considerate of the "streetscape" in front of their properties. Store your refuse and recycling containers to the rear or side of your building.

Library 2017 Fund Drive

Watch your mailbox in early June! The annual fund



drive envelopes asking support for the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library are being readied and will mail shortly after Memorial Day. Please consider whatever amount of money you can afford to give in order to continue the wide range of programs and services provided by YOUR library.

The solicitation request identifies the need and a brief list of the many services provided to the community, as does a feature article found elsewhere in this newsletter. In addition to your monetary donation, consider volunteering your time to assist the library in its daily or weekly needs.

Now available – Credit/debit bill pay

As this newsletter is being published, the due date for quarterly utility bills is fast approaching. It is the responsibility of all property owners to pay their bills in full by the due date printed on the invoice.



Providing our residents with a higher level of customer service, Orwigsburg Borough now accepts credit and debit card payments for water, sewer, and trash service. Customers can make payments online at www.orwigsburg.net or at the Borough Office with major credit and debit cards.

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Mon., May 22 – Wind Chimes, 6 to 9 p.m.

Wed., June 7 – Glitter Canvas, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Mon., June 12 – Collage w/A Twist, 6 to 9 p.m.

Sun., June 18 – Bonsai Wire Tree, 1 to 4 p.m.

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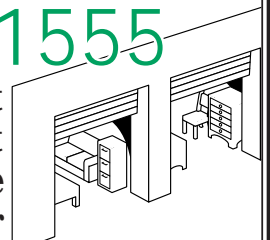
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Customers may continue to pay by cash, check or money order at the Borough Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additionally, checks may be mailed to Orwigsburg Borough, 209 North Warren Street, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, or deposited in our 24/7 drop-off box located at the front door to the Borough Office.

Questions concerning our new payment options may be directed to kathi@orwigsburg.net or call 570-366-3103.

Recycling electronics



Discarded desktop and laptop computers, monitors, computer peripherals, televisions, and most other electronic devices are forbidden from going to landfills and MUST be recycled with special handling.

Orwigsburg Borough's refuse/recycling contractor, County Waste, will not take these

devices. Residents are required to store all unwanted electronics until the Schuylkill County Fall Cleanup and Recycling event held each September.

The county Office of Solid Waste will list drop-off locations, dates and times in local newspapers prior to the event and post them on the Schuylkill County government website.

In need of health aids

Are you or a loved one in need of any of these items to aid in recovery from illness or surgery?

- Wheelchair
- Walker – stationary & folding
- Hospital bed – manual & electric
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- Crutches
- Shower seat
- Bedside commode/bedpan
- Over-toilet seat with handrails
- Temporary tub hand rail
- Recliner chair with auto-lift seat



The Orwigsburg Lions' "Health Equipment Loan Program" provides these items to local residents at no charge as a community service. To arrange a loan, call Larry Dagna at 570-617-6149 or Walt Schimpf as a secondary contact at 570-366-0784 or call 570-449-0659 and leave a message.

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Large item disposal

One large item may be placed at the curb beside your regular trash once per month.

Month	Tues.	Fri.
June	13	16
July	11	14
Aug.	8	11

LARGE ITEM PICKUP DATES

Regular trash consists of up to six bags of garbage and up to ten bags of leaves. Residents should place trash at the curb any time after 6 p.m. on evenings prior to collection. Because pickup times vary, do not wait until the morning of collection to place garbage.

Construction materials (shingles, drywall, cabinets, insulation, etc.) may not be placed at the curb with your regular trash. You must get a dumpster which can be leased from the borough's trash collector, County Waste, at 570-874-3047.

Getting the word out

We use the Borough website www.orwigsburg.net as a valuable tool to keep residents and property owners informed about the happenings in the Borough. Our staff will keep the home page current with news on upcoming events and information on past events in the Borough.

The website lists borough meeting schedules.

Minutes from these meetings are posted after they have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate body. The subdivision and zoning codes are also available for all to view. Numerous forms can be accessed, including applications for Albright's Woods usage. Trash day pickup changes will also be posted. Links to other websites, such as the Lions Club, library, churches and fire company are on the website.



The website also includes a link allowing residents to enter their contact information into the borough's Swiftreach 911 emergency notification system. This site allows the Borough to notify residents via telephone, text message and email of boil water advisories, weather emergencies or any other emergencies in a prompt manner.

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Curb your animal

Borough Ordinance 299 prohibits pet owners from allowing their pets to defecate on another property without removing the feces from that property. Those violating this ordinance can be fined up to \$600.

Many residents take advantage of the parks and walking trail and are discouraged by the lack of consideration shown by some pet owners.

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Dumpster? You need a permit

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the borough office at a cost of \$20. The permit is good for three weeks; another permit is required for additional time. Four (4) reflectors are required on each side of the dumpster, and dumpster wheels must be placed on 3/4" thick pieces of wood so as not to damage the road surface.

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Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

Take care of your property

Property owners must keep all premises and exterior property free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 6 inches. All noxious weeds are prohibited.

Weeds are defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term does not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

The property owner must also maintain weeds appearing between sidewalk blocks and between the curb and the street.

Meter reading

Many water meters are read from a remote reading register attached to the building and connected to the meter. Borough Ordinance 310 requires these units be accessible to the Borough. Landscaping around your remote reading register needs to be maintained so as to not restrict free access.

Request for cones

Cones are available for use from the Borough. A



cone request form must be filled out and is available from the borough office. Forty-eight hours notice must be given to allow time to get the cones delivered to their location and signs made and placed on the cones.

Albrights woods

Now is the time to plan that 2017 outdoor event. The pavilion at Albright's Woods is available for rent for your graduation party, family reunion or other event. Albright's Woods is located on Grove Street in Orwigsburg. The park has a pavilion with picnic tables and a kitchen available for use. Rental fee for the kitchen is \$75, \$25 of which is a returnable security deposit. If the kitchen is not needed, a \$25 fee is charged. For further details or to make a reservation to use the park, call the borough office at 570-366-3103.



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in the Orwigsburg Borough to number their buildings. The number needs to be placed over/under each front door, or front transom bar or glass or front show win-

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Emergency	9-1-1
Non-Emergency	628-3792
Borough Office	366-3103
Police Department . . .	366-3101
Friendship Fire	366-1500
Orwigsburg Amb	366-2331
Historical Society	366-8769
District Magistrate . . .	366-0244
Tax Collector	366-0288
Library	366-1638

dow, over or on either side of the entrance or upon a permanent standard, base or support between building and street. The number is to be of paint, metal, enamel, plastic, or other weather resistant material and at least three inches in height, the color of the numbers to be in contrast to the immediate background, and shall be so placed as to be in full view and legible from the street. No numbers shall be covered with any sign, drapery, or other obstruction and all old numbers shall be removed when a new number is assigned.

Call before you dig

Contractors, service companies, or do-it-yourself property owners must call 8-1-1 before disturbing the ground in and around their property. Planting a tree? Building a deck? Installing a fence or even as simple as a mailbox, plan your project in advance and call the alert number several days before starting any digging project.



**Know what's below.
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The Great Orwigsburg Town Survey

Take the Quick Survey – What Do You Think?

Inquiring minds want to know ... what do Orwigsburg area residents, business owners and employees, and visitors think about our town?

The "Great Orwigsburg Town Survey" will be distributed community-wide in Fall 2017, updating one completed more than a decade ago. The paper survey will be mailed to every household and business within the Borough limits, so be on the alert for that sometime between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

A function of the borough's Planning & Zoning Board, the formal survey will also be available by download from the borough website, linked from the borough Facebook page, and be accessed on smart phones and tablets via SurveyMonkey. Specific information will be provided in the August issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings*.

Results of the formal survey will play a valuable role in revising the Orwigsburg Borough "Comprehensive Plan" that guides future decision-making, planning, and development. This Plan is meant to be a living document ... recommended to be reviewed and updated every 10 years. The survey is an important first step to "take the pulse" of the town. Your input is critical!

Quick Survey available now!

Some residents will recall completing a Community Survey in 2004. The Fall 2017 Survey will include many of the same questions so that comparisons to current trends and needs can be made and future visions identified.

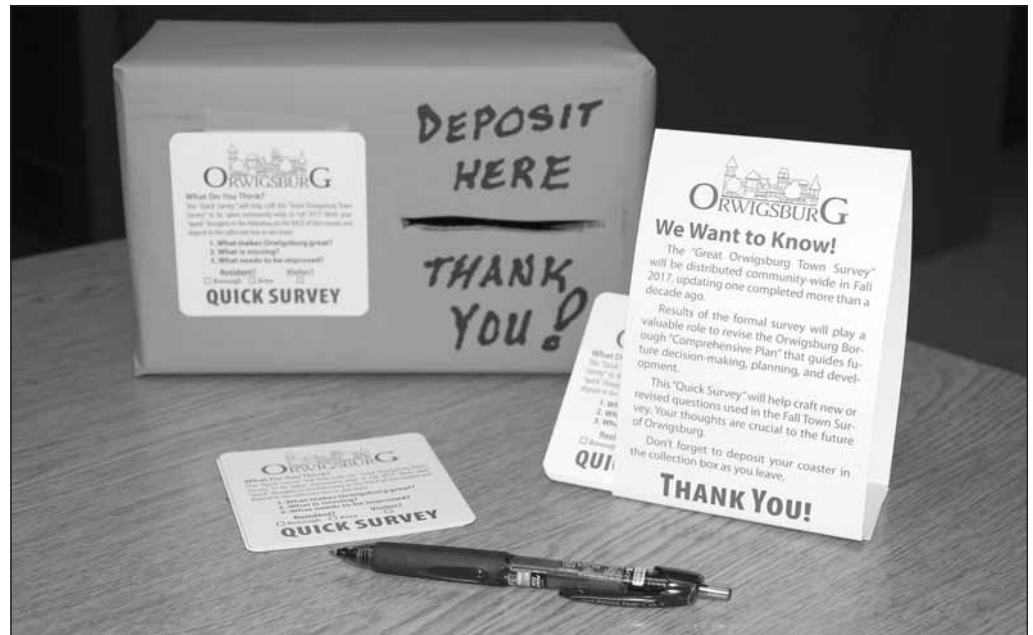
But maybe some of those questions need to be updated. Your thoughts are needed now!

A "Quick Survey" has been developed and will only take a minute of your time. Drink coasters can be found on tables at Orwigsburg restaurants, at the Orwigsburg Library, and at community events between now and Labor Day. These coasters ask just three questions:

1. What makes Orwigsburg great?
2. What is missing?
3. What needs to be improved?

All area residents and visitors are invited to take the Quick Survey. Instructions indicate simply to jot down your thoughts to the three questions on the back of the coaster and then deposit it in the collection box found at the service counter or near the door as you leave.

Please take this opportunity to enjoy a meal or drink at The Brick House Grill, Valenti's Italian Restaurant, Inn of Orwigsburg, Market Square Coffee



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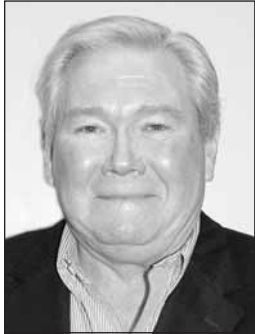
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Proclamation from the Orwigsburg Mayor

As in Life ... Plan for Future; Be Ready to Change

The past several days have brought the promise of spring as warming days change buds to blossoms to bright new leaves.

Volunteers and borough personnel have planted sixteen new trees in the neighborhood to replace ones removed during the South Wayne and South Warren streets paving project. Preparations are underway for our annual observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 29 "on the square" and longer daylight hours energize the entire community as we put another winter behind us.



BARRY J. BERGER
Mayor

A glance at my backyard should be my invitation to spruce things up in order to enjoy spending some relaxing time outdoors. After nearly thirty years in our home, my wife and I thought we had a pretty good plan how we wanted things to look.

Instead, I'm trying to find a solution to consequences resulting from our decision a year and a half ago that our lives again needed canine companionship.

It's not that we didn't know any better. Our first two Labradors (boys) gave us plenty of challenges

throughout their lives. Gilby was primarily a chewer. Parker enjoyed running off when given an opportunity. Both knew the best time to take off with a shoe or a pillow or the electric bill was when we engaged in a phone call that timed out their limit for allowable lack of attention.

My wife conceded to another Labrador with the stipulation we'd find a female ... this under the assumption a girl dog would be better behaved. We've since found, that with dogs, as with people, every one is an individual and that the feminine revolution has made its way to the canine world.

Maggie likes to work and play in the backyard. Her first job was to excavate some dwarf boxwoods that she didn't think fit with our landscape design. There must have been grubs or bugs or roots or some other invading enemy that needed to be removed from the face (and depths) of the Earth at another half dozen locations.

The stones and bricks we put under the fence to close a gap have been pushed out of the way in order for her to squeeze enough of her head through to attract some attention from one of our neighbors.

Playing with her favorite toy involves chasing and catching a Frisbee, then running a few hot laps between the long points of the yard prior to returning the disc to the human for its next launch. This



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activity has created a dirt track rivaling Big Diamond Speedway, complete with banked turns.

Over the winter, Maggie found her true calling as a forsythia bush pruner/shaper. As we would look out the rear window, the bush periodically would be violently shaken until the non-conforming branch was detached and removed from the breached barrier fence for further processing.



I don't think a method exists to actually kill forsythia. This one has been transplanted at least four times and has never been the worse for it. A fifth move is in the works.

So, that pretty much portrays the issue. All we need now is a solution. Backfilling the divots and reseeding might be an option, but I doubt our little girl would treat fresh, damp dirt and straw any kinder than the current mud pit. Skipping the cheaper home-grown approach, a sod overlay will at least have a structured headstart; or, we could just ignore the whole yard until we get rid of the dog, as a local landscaper jokingly suggested twenty-odd years ago when encountering a similar problem created by the first guy, Gil.

The take-aways from this message are pretty simple. While it's smart to have a good plan in place, sometimes circumstances require unexpected action to correct an immediate issue.

Not all options are worthy of consideration. Some solutions that may appear easier or less expensive at first glance may not deliver expected results. Doing things right in the first place usually delivers the best long term value.

In Orwigsburg, as in most communities, issues exist that require foresight in our plans in order to be properly addressed. We do our level best to consider the options, accommodate deviations from the plan, and provide workable solutions.

Input and the patience of the community is appreciated as we move forward to improve Orwigsburg.

– Barry J. Berger, Mayor

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Single-Stream Recycling & Trash Collection

○ *Circled days indicate biweekly curbside recycling*

MAY 2017						
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27	28	29	30	31		

Shaded days are trash collection days

Tuesdays – Market Street and north; Fridays – south of Market Street

Large item collection, once per month

Convenient, single-stream curbside recycling is available to residents every two weeks on the designated trash pickup day. Recyclables should be separated from other household trash and placed in the container provided by the Borough and County Waste, or in a container of the property owner's choice clearly designated for recycling.

Single-stream recycling means items can be co-mingled in one container/recycle bin without the need for separation.

Materials for recycling are collected curbside every two weeks on your designated trash pickup day (see calendar schedule above). Simply place your recycling



bin beside your other trash containers and yard waste.

Use the following guidelines to prepare recyclables for pickup:

- Newspapers and mixed paper should be bundled or placed in a paper or clear plastic bag in order to keep them secure.
- Cardboard should be flattened and bundled.
- Take steps to ensure paper, cardboard and plastic, etc. do not blow around to neighboring properties or streets.
- Glass food and beverage containers are recyclable and include items such as glass soda, beer, wine, liquor, ketchup or juice bottles, and glass food containers. Metal caps and lids should be removed, but labels can remain.



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- Glass items such as mirrors, ceramic cups and plates, crystal, clay flower pots, light bulbs, window glass, drinking glass and heat-resistant ovenware are NOT recycled by glass container plants and should not be mixed in with container glass.
- Aluminum beverage cans should be rinsed and crushed. Steel cans need only be rinsed. Leave labels in place.
- Plastic soda bottles and milk jugs should also be rinsed and crushed.
- Be considerate of the streetscape view in your neighborhood; store your recycling container to the side or back of your property or residence.

After following these instructions, combine all materials in one recycling container and place curbside after 6 p.m. the evening before pickup. Recyclables must be in their special container separate from household trash because a separate collection is made.

Given the convenience of single-stream recycling, the number of occupants in your household, and the volume collected for recycling, residents may find the need for a smaller or larger container. The borough has two sizes available.

Contact the Borough Office at 570-366-3103 during phone office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to arrange for a different recycling container or for additional information.

Single-Stream Recycling

Yes



 Plastic Containers #1 through #7 (No Styrofoam)	 Aluminum, Steel & Tin Containers	 Glass Bottles & Containers
 Newspapers *bundle or place in paper bag	 Corrugated Cardboard & Boxboard	 Mixed Paper

No



 Paper Towels, Facial Tissue & Toilet Tissue	 Plastic Bags & Packaging	 Wax-Coated Paper Drink Containers	 Food & Wet Waste	 Paper, Plastic & Styrofoam Serving Items
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More "No" Materials: ceramics, dishes, coffee mugs, drinking glasses, light bulbs, Pyrex, flammable, toxic, hazardous, medical waste and syringes



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Veterans Community Memorial Hall

2017 Trivia Night fundraiser

More than 115 supporters of the Veterans Community Memorial Hall restoration enjoyed the third annual Trivia Night in March and competed against one another in teams.



MEMBERS OF CELTIC PUNK hoist their trophies as Trivia champs.

Quizmaster Jamie Barton emceed the event again this year. The team "Celtic Punk" took the 2017 Trivia championship. Players and volunteers enjoyed a fun evening, but the Memorial Hall taskforce was the real winner by raising close to \$3,000 for the building work yet to be completed.

Outdoor playground is completed

The "roller coaster" weather the last few months gave pause to noticeable project work as building usage and enjoyment has continued with much enthusiasm. With spring now in full bloom, athletes can take to the outside fields and work can continue indoors.

Just in time for the start of the baseball season, families will be able to enjoy completion of the playground with new safety mulch being laid and timbers put in place. Many thanks to the Little League field committee and its hard work to make the recreation area such a nice place to gather. The new playground will offer

endless hours of enjoyment for our youth.

New indoor bleachers to be installed

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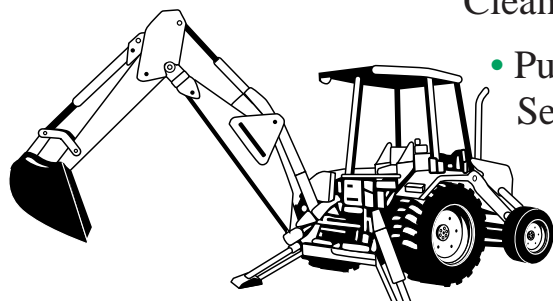
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News Submittals

Nonprofit and community organizations within the Borough are invited to submit news items for consideration. Written submittals must be received by Kathi Mengle in the borough offices, kathi@orwigsburg.net or call 570-366-3103 for info, three weeks prior to the publication date.

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Veterans Community Memorial Hall

activated retractable bleachers on one side of the main gymnasium area.

Thanks to the efforts of energetic groups, the task force, and Borough Council, new bleachers have been ordered with installation expected by late summer.

Status of work still needing to be done

On the agenda for the remainder of the spring and summer is the bidding, awarding and improvement to the exterior of the soon-to-be main entrance and land development of the parking lot area. This work has already received approved DCED grant funding.

Working with the borough and project contractors, impact to those using the building and sur-

rounding amenities will be minimized. But, caution needs to be the watchword whenever construction work occurs and casual passersby must adhere to safety warnings and temporary fencing.

Giving honor to veterans and contributors

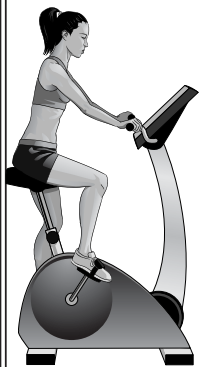
Plans progress for the remaining unfinished areas of the building, specifically focused on the main entryway referred to as the Veterans Room. When completed, the main entrance will provide a tribute to our local heroes.

The borough office continues accepting honor roll applicants. If you or your family has information that is not already on the current list, please submit a completed form to Borough Manager Bob Williams at Orwigsburg Borough Hall. The form can be downloaded from the Task Force website www.orwigsburgmemorial.com

Consider donating time or cash to this worthy cause by following the link on the website; by Facebook at Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall; email at memorial@orwigsburg.net; or reach out to a task force member for more information. Every pledge helps get us one step closer to completion.



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Sign up for Summer Reading!

Wonderful, amazing, and fun things are planned this summer at the library. The Summer Reading Program – Build A Better World – gets underway June 13 thru August 1, running every Tuesday beginning at 11 a.m. The program is divided into two groups ... geared for preschool youngsters and another for elementary students. The reading program will not be held on July 4 as the library will be closed for the Independence Day holiday. Parents/guardians should contact the library to register.

So many services offered

What does the library provide Orwigsburg and surrounding areas?

- Clubs that meet weekly and monthly. The Orwigsburg Book Club meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. with lively discussion of new authors, genres and topics. Knitters, crochet and needlework enthusiasts welcome all skill levels to their weekly group meeting on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. Lego builders of all ages gather the second Wednesday each month at 5:30 p.m. to share their creations (Legos supplied by the library). Beginners can learn and any skill level can play Mahjongg at 6 p.m. on the first, third, and fifth Wednesdays of the month.
- Preschool Story Time will continue each Tuesday at 10 a.m. through May 23, but will then take a summer break.
- Science Night Wednesdays return following the end of school and begin each evening at 6 p.m. Wildlife Identification will be the theme on June 7; Weather will be explored and understood on June 14; Story and Craft – Jack and the Beanstalk – will be featured June 21; Take Apart Day will discover how things really work on June 28 (bring a screwdriver and pliers, if possible); and learn to make Tin Foil Sculptures on July 12.
- Family Programs are highlighted on Thursday nights starting at 6 p.m. May 11 will feature Genealogy with information how to research your family tree. The mystique of Sign Language, geared for elementary age youngsters to adult, will be revealed on May 18. Picky Eaters, from children to adult, and those who must plan meals will learn tips and tricks to stay nutritional on June 1.
- Play K program – This program is designed specifically for 3-to-5 year olds to model kindergarten concepts and behaviors. Materials are provided and funded through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Public Libraries.

Each month's program topic is offered on the fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. and again on Friday

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A Saturday Story Time will be held May 13 at 9:30 a.m., featuring a story, movement, and a craft; and a Saturday "Building Block Party" on the last Saturday – May 27, June 24, and July 29 – from 10 to 11:30 a.m. will allow for passive play with a variety of blocks and creative materials.

Early literacy program – Register your pre-kindergarten youngster and get started on the goal of 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, an at-home program to encourage the love of reading early in life.

Two special summer programs set

Continuing the Family Programs of Thursday night, two don't-want-to-miss shows are planned during the summer, both starting at 6 p.m.

Adults and teens, age 13+, are invited to the "Extremely Mental Comic Book Psychotronic Show on June 22. And on August 3 a magician – The Amazing Magi – will perform for all ages.



Upcoming events and fundraisers

Wed., June 7 – Dine out at the Mustard Seed "on the square" any time during the day – eat-in or take out – with a percentage of proceeds helping to fund library programming.

Heritage Day on Sat., Sept. 9 – Blow-out Book Sale – Celebrate the day in Orwigsburg and be sure to stop by the Library early for best selection. Select and purchase a bag of books for only \$5.

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State Senator David G. Argall

Combating PA's Heroin/Opioid Epidemic

Given the staggering increase in injuries and fatalities caused by heroin and opioid abuse in Pennsylvania and throughout the country, it is clear that we must take additional actions to address this health crisis hurting our children, loved ones and communities at a rapidly alarming rate.



**SENATOR
DAVID ARGALL**

Schuylkill County has seen a rise in deaths – more than triple that in 2013 – caused by heroin use. Statewide, almost 3,400 drug-related overdose fatalities occurred in 2015 ... an increase of more than 23 percent from the previous year.

In order to curtail this epidemic, we are currently working on a number of initiatives which seek to combat the rise of drug use in the state and offer solutions that will provide more accessible and effective treatment programs for addicts and their loved ones.

In 2014 and 2015, three key pieces of legislation became law in Pennsylvania:

- Act 80 of 2015 established the Nonnarcotic Medication Assisted Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Pilot Program within the Pennsylvania

Department of Corrections.

- Act 139 of 2014 provides immunity under certain circumstances for assisting individuals when responding to a situation where a drug overdose is occurring.
- Act 191 of 2014 establishes a state prescription drug monitoring program.

In the Fiscal Year 2016-17 state budget, the General Assembly voted to include a \$15 million investment to help combat the heroin and opioid abuse crisis. This investment allowed

new addiction treatment centers to be opened across the state –

called Centers of Excellence – and enabled the state to receive an additional \$5.4 million in federal funding.

During this same legislative session, three critical bills were signed into law to address this crisis:

- Act 125 of 2016 requires all prescribers to have written consent from a minor's parent or legal guardian before prescribing a medical treatment involving opioids and requires all prescribers to review the potential addiction and overdose risks/hazards with these medications.
- Act 126 of 2016 requires state licensing boards to establish a curriculum for safe prescription of controlled substances containing opioids.
- Act 122 of 2016 places a limitation on the number of opioid painkillers a health care practitioner can provide to a patient in an emergency room or urgent care center.

An initiative called "A Commonwealth Crisis" was launched to provide Pennsylvania's residents with online educational resources about the heroin and opioid epidemic, including prevention and treatment information and a comprehensive list of bills that have been introduced during this legislative session.

As part of this initiative, I co-hosted a live telephone "town hall" meeting last September to discuss the state's efforts. A panel of experts discussed heroin and opioid prevention and answered questions/concerns from participants. These included increasing access to treatment/addiction services and the importance of gathering law enforcement, medical professionals and faith-based organizations, etc. to tackle this crisis head-on. More information can be found online at www.acommonwealthcrisis.com.

Combating this health crisis will not be an easy task or realized overnight. But, with the right resources and services, we can provide addicts with the treatment they need before it is too late and raise awareness about the detrimental effects of heroin and opioid abuse.



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Orwigsburg Historical Society

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Tours and community room available

Individuals or groups are invited to schedule a visit to or rent the museum for private parties, educational lectures, class reunions, Boy Scout or Girl Scout merit badge work or troop field trips. The large community room is also available for family reunions or other social or business gathering.

Spring fashion show and faire

The historical society will present a Spring Fashion Show and Buyer's Faire, hosted at the Oak Hill Inn on Sun., May 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. The event will include food, door prizes, a silent auction, table favors, clothing discounts, and "a few surprises."

The fashion show and faire will feature unique designer fashions and accessories presented by "The Lark" of Orwigsburg; comfort clothes from the LuLaRoe Clothing Line presented by Sheila Anne; Jayne's vintage jewelry, accessories, and historical artifacts; pet fashions by Sasha's Boutique; a display by Kepner Scott Shoe Company; and handcrafted, custom-designed jewelry by K-Ost.

Tickets for the event are \$18 in advance, \$20 the day of the show, and just \$17 for historical society members. Call the OHS for ticket purchase information.

Capital Campaign continues

If you haven't already done so, you can help sustain Orwigsburg's history by donating to the 2017 Capital Campaign. In addition to brick repointing, exterior painting, and interior wall painting, the society is faced with two major projects ... furnace and



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State Representative Jerry Knowles

Legislature Reduction from 203 to 151 Possible

While we have started the process of reducing the size of the state House of Representatives, we are only half way there.

Article XI, Section 1 of the Pennsylvania Constitution requires that identical language be passed in two consecutive sessions of the General Assembly before it can be voted on by Pennsylvania electors.

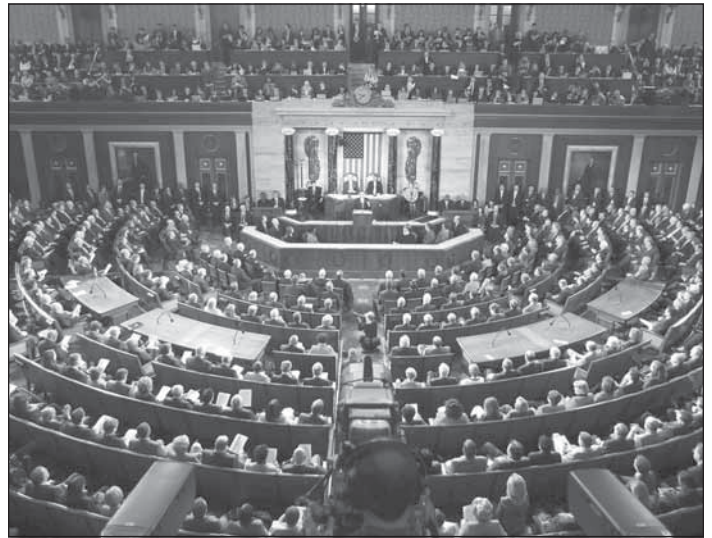


**Representative
Jerry Knowles**

I sponsored and introduced House Bill 153 – The Pennsylvania Size of Legislature Reduction Amendment – that gained passage from both the state House and Senate during the 2015-16 legislative session and became Pamphlets Laws Resolution 1.

I have now introduced identical legislation to be considered by both chambers during the 2017-18 session. If this happens, the constitutional amendment could appear on the state's November 2018 General Ballot for consideration by voters.

Proposals to reduce the size of the Pennsylvania legislature are not rare. Most of these downsizing proposals argued the legislature is either too big to be efficient or costs too much to maintain. The



Pennsylvania legislature is the second largest legislature in the country.

If my proposal changes the state constitution, the size of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives would reduce from 203 to 151 members. The size of the state Senate would not change from its current 50 members, but would allow the Senate to make a similar determination regarding its size.



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Barbecue grill safety

- Never use any type of grill indoors; it will cause a carbon monoxide hazard.
- Before using a gas grill, check the hose from the tank to the grill for any cracks or leaks.
- Never use a grill under an awning, roof or covered walkway.
- Keep small children away from grills when they are in use.



Pool safety

Drowning is the second leading cause of death from all causes in children from ages one to 14 years. More than 600 children and adults drown annually in the U.S. and over half of these drownings

occur in home swimming pools. Lack of supervision is the leading cause of child drowning

Never allow small children to swim alone in a pool or, for that matter, to be unattended in a bathtub or around any body of water. If you must leave the pool area, take the children with you. Always have a designated "child watcher." Keep pool gates securely closed when the pool is not in use.

Lawn mower safety

Remember and practice the following when operating a lawn mower.

- Small children should not operate push mowers or drive riding mowers.
- Keep children indoors or at a safe distance while you are mowing.
- Always refuel mowers outdoors, never in garages or sheds.
- Turn the mower off and allow the engine to cool before refueling.
- Do not allow children to ride as passengers on riding mowers.
- Turn off the mower and wait until the blades come to a complete stop before trying to unclog the mower.

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Kimmels Church

Summer is just around the corner ... and people are looking forward to the change of pace it brings. Whether you have big plans far away or not-so-big plans close by, why not consider being part of Kimmels Church family this summer? Be our guests for the day!

At Kimmels, you'll find a group of people who will accept you for who you are and welcome you with open arms. Join us for Sunday school at 9 a.m. and/or our morning worship service at 10 a.m. with a blend of traditional and contemporary music led by a live band.

The message is always, as many have shared, "Just what I needed to hear!" We're not interested in telling



people what they want to hear, but what God has to say through the Bible. The current sermon series is called, "God Is On

The Move: a study of God's righteousness through the book of Romans."

Those with children under two years of age, a nursery is available from 8:50 a.m. through the end of the worship service. Following the singing portion of the worship service we dismiss children, from two years through 5th grade, to a special class just

for them. Prefer to keep your children with you? We encourage it! There is no better place for youngsters/teens to learn than with their parents.

During the summer months, the first Sunday features a cookout following the morning service. We'll pull out the party grill and provide the meat and drinks, but ask that each family bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Summer also features Vacation Bible School (VBS), this year from July 23 to 28. Geared to youngsters from four years of age to entering 6th grade, this exciting week of music, games, crafts and learning will be themed "Galactic Starveyors." We'll focus our telescopes on the marvels painted in the sky by the Creator. Contact the church or visit the website for more information and to register your children.

Get a feel for what a worship service is like. Go online to www.kimmelschurch.org and click the "Sermons" tab to view one of hundreds available. Come visit this summer. Kimmels Church is located at 179 Pine Creek Drive; a short distance on Kimmels Road off East Market Street. For further information, call the church office at 570-943-2759.

Salem UM Church

Salem United Methodist Church, where "Liberty meets Independence" at 133 S. Liberty St., Orwigsburg, offers three unique worship services each Sunday. A traditional worship is held at 8:45 a.m., a contemporary worship at 10:45 a.m., and the SNL Coffeehouse at 6:30 p.m. Sunday school for all ages is held at 10 a.m. Children's Choir and Children's Church is held during the 10:45 worship for grades one through five. A paid nursery attendant is on staff every week from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for infants to five years of age.



The SNL Coffeehouse holds a "Meal and Movie Night" once each month. "Let Hope Rise" – a 2016 release documenting the rise of United, a rock band from Australia's Hillsong Church – will be the feature film with plenty of concert footage on May 21. June and July dates and films will be posted on the church webpage and on the information sign outside the church.

Many small groups of different interests meet throughout the week. Visit online at www.SalemUM.com, for dates and times for all activities or call the church at 570-366-0201 for more information.

The God Squad handbell choir will perform on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14 at both morning worship services. 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Ladies will be honored and receive a special treat.

Special events in July include:

- The eighth annual Christmas in July Sale will be held Sat. July 8 from 8 a.m. to noon. This is a "re-gifting" sale of new or never used goods, handmade



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items, and more donated items. These are offered for whatever price the buyer wishes to pay. All funds support the free community "summer's end" block party. The sale takes place on the porch of the Parish House located across the street from the church.

- The annual Worship in the Woods (Albright's Woods) takes place on Sun., July 16, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and followed by a picnic lunch. All are welcome to this outdoor worship in a beautiful wooded setting.

- VBS (Vacation Bible School) – "Super Hero Central" is open to all community children to be held Monday through Friday, July 17-21 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each day. Contact the church office or visit the website for information and registration.

- Community Free Block Party – The summer would not be complete without this annual treat for all to enjoy free of charge. The block of Independence Street adjacent to the church will be blocked of all motor traffic on Sunday, August 27 from 3 to 7 p.m. for an old-fashioned neighborhood block party and the town's third annual "OrWINGSburg Chicken Wing Contest" for local home cooks. The block party features music, food, and fun activities in celebration of a great summer season. More information will be on the webpage, posters throughout town, and the August issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings*.

The mission of Salem Church is TLC – Transforming Lives through Christ. We share Christ's Love; we serve

others through Christ; we worship, glorify and praise God; we nurture people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

If you are searching and seeking, we welcome you to visit us and learn how your life can be transformed through Christ.

St. Paul's Lutheran

Located at 215 North Warren St. in Orwigsburg,



St. Paul's Lutheran Church welcomes all to worship and to be part of the church family. The church office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and can be reached by calling 570-366-2316. Additional information can be obtained at www.stpaulsorwigsburg.org or on our Facebook page at /StPaulsOrwigsburg.

Worship services are led by the Rev. Lee A. Diefenderfer, pastor, held each Sunday at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and a Saturday service beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sunday school is held at 9:15 a.m.

Summer worship – from June 17 thru September 3 – keeps the same Saturday service time, but only one Sunday service will be held at 9:15 a.m., also replacing Sunday school.

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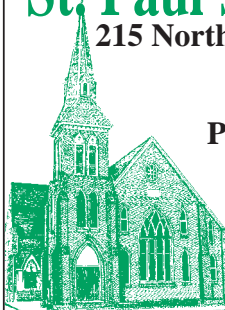
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ing a Patriotic Concert held Memorial Day weekend on Sunday, May 28 beginning at 7 p.m. The entire community is invited to this free concert featuring the Patriotic Festival Choir comprised of St. Paul's choir members and friends along with the Blue Mountain High School Chorale & Octet.

All area children – kindergarten through fifth grade – are invited to register for "Bear Creek Day Camp" Vacation Bible School held at St. Paul's the week of June 19-23, each day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This action-packed week of day camp excites young minds about living a life for Christ through arts and crafts, song, Bible study and group activities. The cost is only \$25 and scholarships are available. More information is available on the church website and Facebook page.

Zion's Red Church

Zion's Red Church, 1287 Centre Turnpike (Rt. 61 at Brick Hill Road), is a union congregation of Evangelical Lutheran and United Church of Christ denominations whose members welcome, strengthen, and bless all who enter.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Zion's Red Church! Visit the "new and improved" church website at www.zionsredchurch.org to learn more or call the church office at 570-366-1178. Each Sunday the combined



Confirmation Class, replacing the traditional Sunday school, meets at 9:15 a.m. followed by worship at 10:30.

Summer worship moves to the middle floor of the church beginning in late June through early September with the service remaining at 10:30 a.m.

The annual White Elephant & Bake Sale will be held, rain or shine, on Sat., June 10 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a variety of

household items, books, children's clothing, toys, and will feature some collectable dolls, a large plasma TV, and raffle baskets. When you're finished shopping, stay for lunch. Hot food items like barbeque, hotdogs, drinks, snacks, and delicious baked goods will be available for purchase.

The Sun., June 18 worship service will feature "The Dogs" from Falkner Swamp UCC in Gilbertsville, Pa. Bob and Bob – Bob Schnaars and Bob Erb – will lift the spirits of all who attend with their music for the glory of God. Join us for worship, listen to sacred music selections, and hear the message by "The Dogs" of Falkner Swamp.

Zion's continues to serve the local community through time and financial support to the Orwigsburg Food Pantry and Schuylkill Women in Crisis.

St. John's UCC

St. John's United Church of Christ, 232 E. Market St., is pleased to invite all to the installation of its new spiritual leader – the Rev. Dr. Jan Remer-Osborn – on June 11 at 3 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Pastor Jan is thrilled to be here in Orwigsburg and invites all to come join in worship every Sunday at 10 a.m. Come get to know us during coffee hour. Everyone is welcome!

Children participate in the beginning of the service and leave for Sunday school after the Children's Message and Blessing. Communion is served the first Sunday of every month. Bible study, open to everyone, is on Thursday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m., beginning May 11. This month's theme is "Forgiveness."

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director Trena Murphy who also invites guest musicians and vocalists, including the new pastor, a professional harpist.

New at St. John's, an "Open Mic Night" for the young and young at heart is offered each Wednesday evening

beginning May 17 from 6 to 7 p.m. Singers, poets, musicians, authors, and dancers are invited to come share their gifts with one another. Light refreshments are served. Call 630-366-2255 or email Pastor Jan at pastorjanstjohns@gmail.com, to sign up. Open Mic Night takes place in the large hall of the church adjacent to the sanctuary. Enter at the side door on Sherman Street.

The Interfaith Health Ministry is co-sponsoring a FREE group - "Walk with Ease" - a 6-week program that is provided by Diakon Community Services from May 22 through June 30 on every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. Contact Diakon Community Services at 570-624-3017 to register for this program by May 12.

Faith Church

Faith Worship Center, 1168 Centre Turnpike (Rt.

61), enjoyed record-breaking attendance for Easter services and all are excited spring has finally arrived.

Faith is proud to launch its new men's group called Muscle. The group expands and multiplies the opportunities for those to grow in their relationship with and in serving God through daily devotion, relationships, ministry and other areas.

The Women at Faith group is one of our most influential group ministries, thanks to the outreach by many dedicated/committed members to serve the needs in the community. Expanded ministry now includes "Body, Mind and Soul" helping those with physical challenges and staying healthy to serve God.

The Hope Initiative group assists, supports, informs and encourages those dealing with addictions as well as family members affected by it. Addiction is at epidemic proportions in our region. Our Fortress Cancer Care ministry reaches out to families affected by loss of loved ones or the ongoing effects of fighting cancer.



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